Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 270980

60
ORIGIN NODS-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

66011
DRAFTED BYJCAF:MLGARRISON
APPROVED BY:AF:TWSEELYE
S/S-MR.SEBASTIAN
---------- 084404
O 032253Z NOV 76 ZFF4
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 270980

NODIS
FOR AMBASSADOR

FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 8646 SENT SECSTATE NOV 2.

QUOTE: S E C R E T GENEVA 8646

NODIS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PFOR RH UK
SUBJ: RHODESIAN CONFERENCE: SMITH'S OFF-THE-RECORD

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REPORT WHICH ARNAUD DE BORCHGRAVE SENT TO NEWSWEEK OFFICES IN NEW YORK GIVING ACCOUNT OF HIS OFF-THE-RECORD INTERVIEW WITH SMITH MORNING OF NOVEMBER 2.

BEGIN TEXT:

SAW SMITH OFF THE RECORD BEFORE TODAY'S SESSION AND HE MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

FIRSTLY -- HE WILL SAY THIS AFTERNOON THAT A DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE HAS ALREADY BEEN SET UNDER THE KISSINGER
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 270980

PLAN -- I.E., "WITHIN TWO YEARS" -- AND THAT IT WILL BE

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

UP TO THE COUNCIL OF STATE TO SET A SPECIFIC DATE. THE FIRST ITEM, THEREFORE, IS THE CREATION OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE.

SECONDLY -- IF THERE IS NO AGREEMENT IN GENEVA -- AND HE WILL GIVE IT A FEW WEEKS TO DETERMINE WHETHER AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE -- HE WILL BEGIN TO APPLY THE KISSINGER PLAN UNILATERALLY WITH THE AFRICANS WHO ARE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE -- " AND THERE ARE PLENTY OF THEM." HE IS THINKING SPECIFICALLY OF THE NOT INSIGNIFICANT AFRICAN MIDDLE CLASS THAT KNOWS IT WILL BE THE FIRST TO SUFFER -- OR EVEN DISAPPEAR -- IF MUGABE AND ZIPA COME TO POWER. SMITH SAID HE HAD RECEIVED CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGES FROM SOME OF THE AFRICANS AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE THAT THEY HAD TO MAKE EXTREMIST STATEMENTS BECAUSE OF ZIPA INTIMIDATION BUT THAT THEY BASICALLY AGREED WITH THE KISSINGER PLAN AND WERE WILLING TO GO AHEAD WITH IT IF THIS CONFERENCE FAILS. I HAVE NO WAY OF DETERMINING THE ACCURACY OF HIS CLAIM.

THIRDLY -- HE IS CONFIDENT THAT IF THE CONFERENCE DOES NOT PRODUCE AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND THEN GOES AHEAD ON HIS OWN HE WILL HAVE THE SUPPORT OF SOUTH AFRICA -- AND OTHER WESTERN POWERS, TOO.

FOURTHLY -- THE CURRENT RHODESIAN STRIKES INTO MOZAMBIQUE ARE DESIGNED TO DISRUPT ZIPA PLANS TO CREATE FAVORABLE MILITARY HEADLINES DURING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

FIFTHLY -- HE PLANS TO RETURN TO GENEVA ONCE MORE EVEN IF THE CONFERENCE APPEARS TO BE COLLAPSING. "IT WOULD THEN BE INCUMBENT UPON ME TO GIVE IT ONE LAST CHANCE BEFORE WE GO AHEAD ON OUR OWN WITH THE KISSINGER PLAN." HE THINKS THE AFRICANS MAY STILL COME ROUND TO A VARIATION OF THE KISSINGER PROPOSALS. MEANWHILE, HE PLANS TO STEP UP THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS -- HITTING THEM WHERE IT HURTS, WHICH PRESUMABLY MEANS MOZAMBIQUE.

YOU CAN USE FOREGOING WITH NO ATTRIBUTION TO SMITH OR

TO RHODESIAN SOURCES. I WILL UPDATE BRIEFLY BY PHONE AFTER TODAY'S MEETING. END TEXT. CATTO
UNQUOTE KISSINGER

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

NNN

Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TEXT, INDEPENDENCE, INTERIM GOVERNMENT, POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, CAT-C, PRESS CONFERENCES, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 03 NOV 1976
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MartinML
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE270980
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: MLGARRISON
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Film Number: N760008-0079
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 2
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761184/aaaacuxe.tel
Line Count: 110
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN NODS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: NODIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MartinML
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 MAY 2004 by woolflhd>; APPROVED <08 SEP 2004 by MartinML>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: LOCK1
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RHODESIAN CONFERENCE: SMITH'S OFF-THE-RECORD FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REPORT WHICH ARNAUD DE BORCHGRAVE SENT TO NEWSWEEK OFFICES IN NEW YORK GIVING ACCO UN
TAGS: PFOR, PDEV, RH, UK, US, NEWSWEEK, (SMITH, IAN), (DE BORCHGRAVE, ARNAUD)
To: LONDON
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006